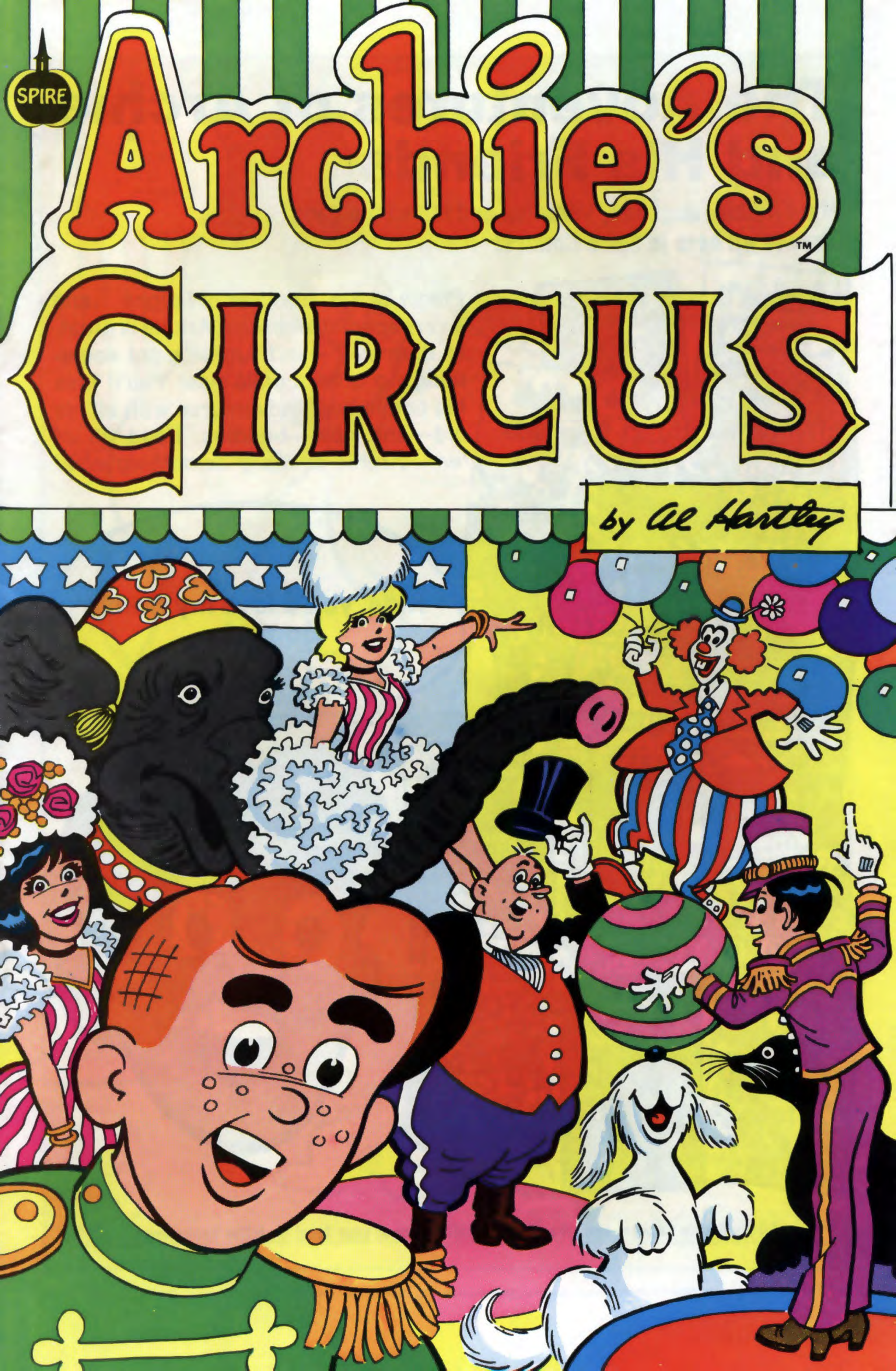
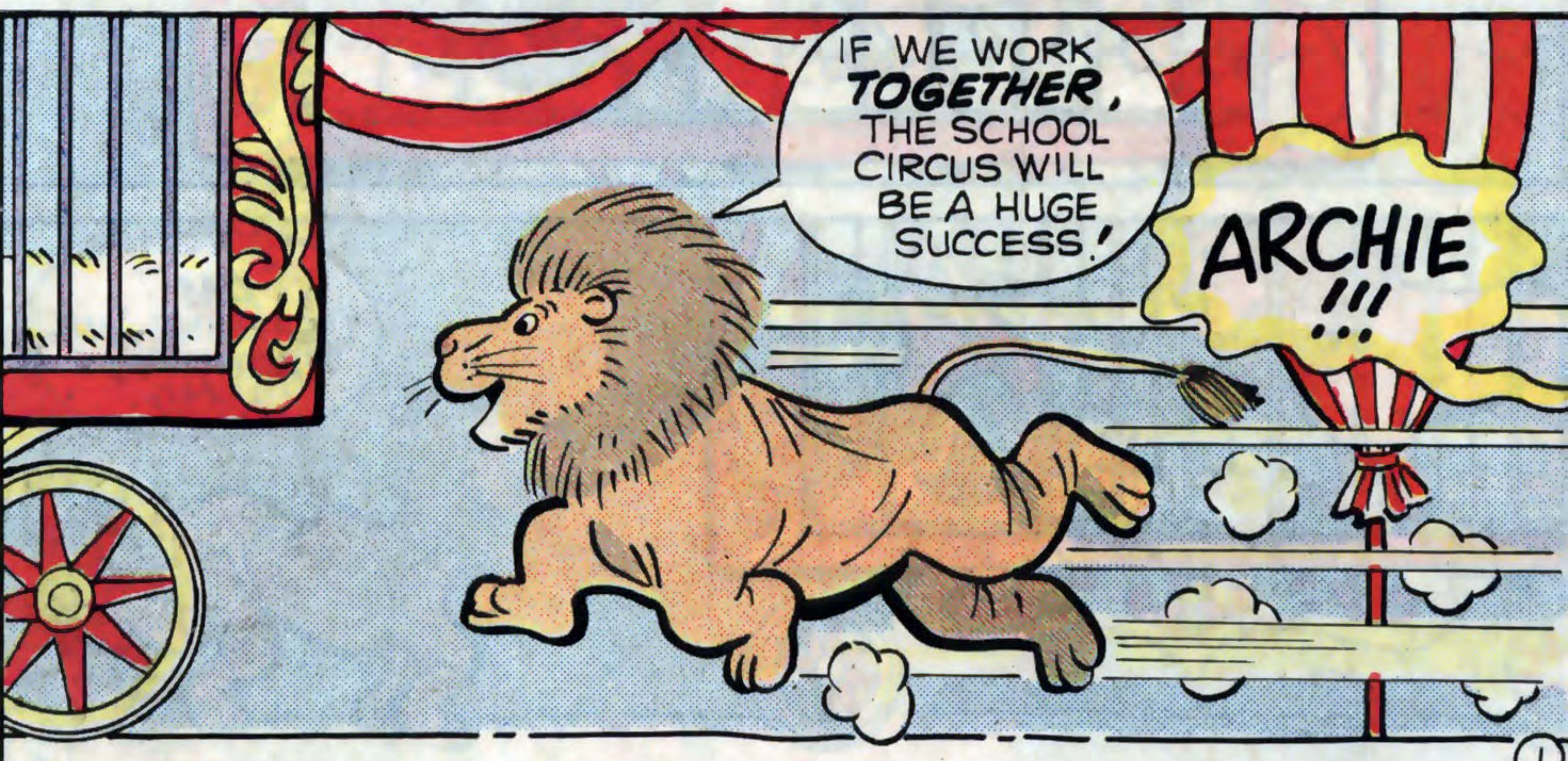
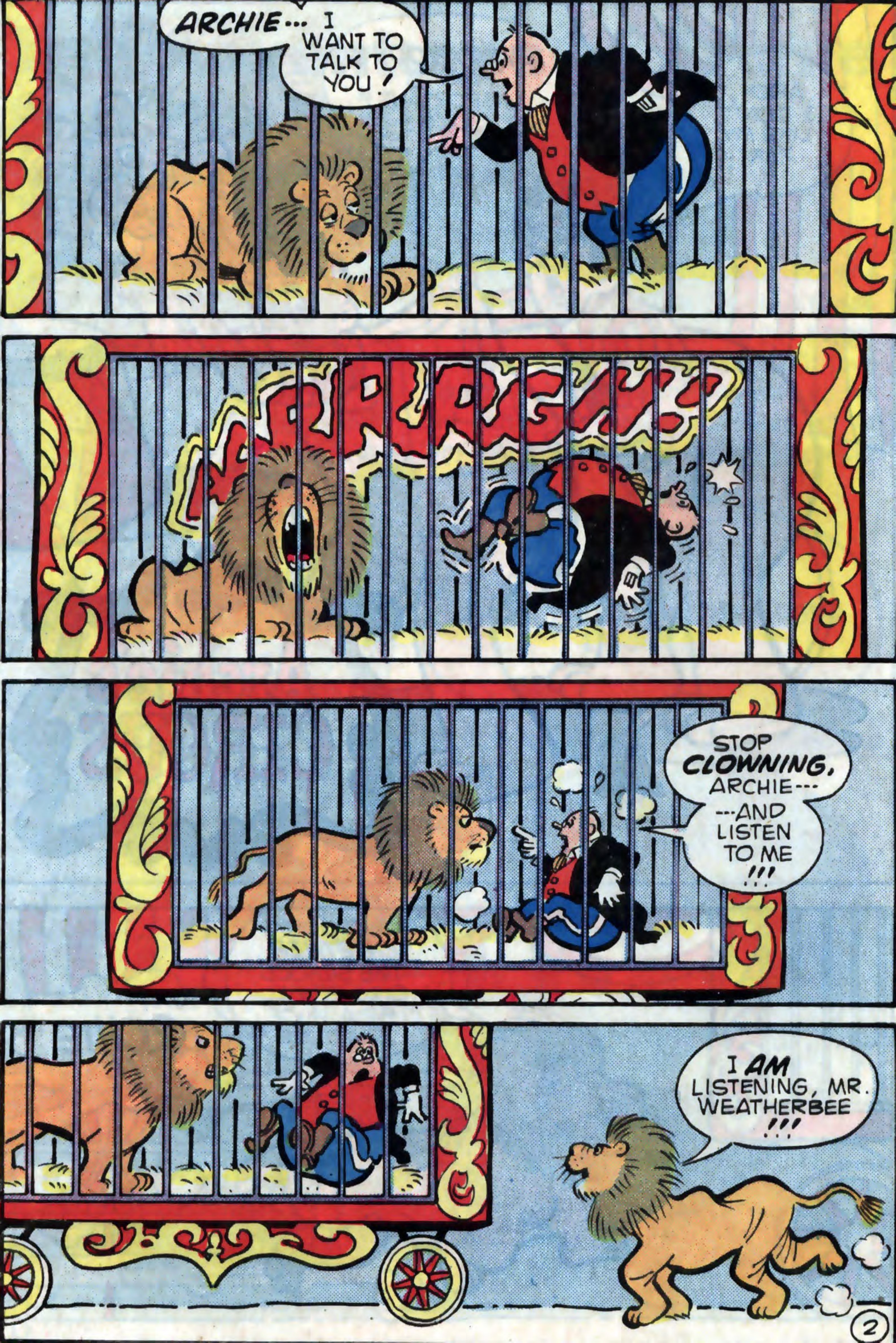
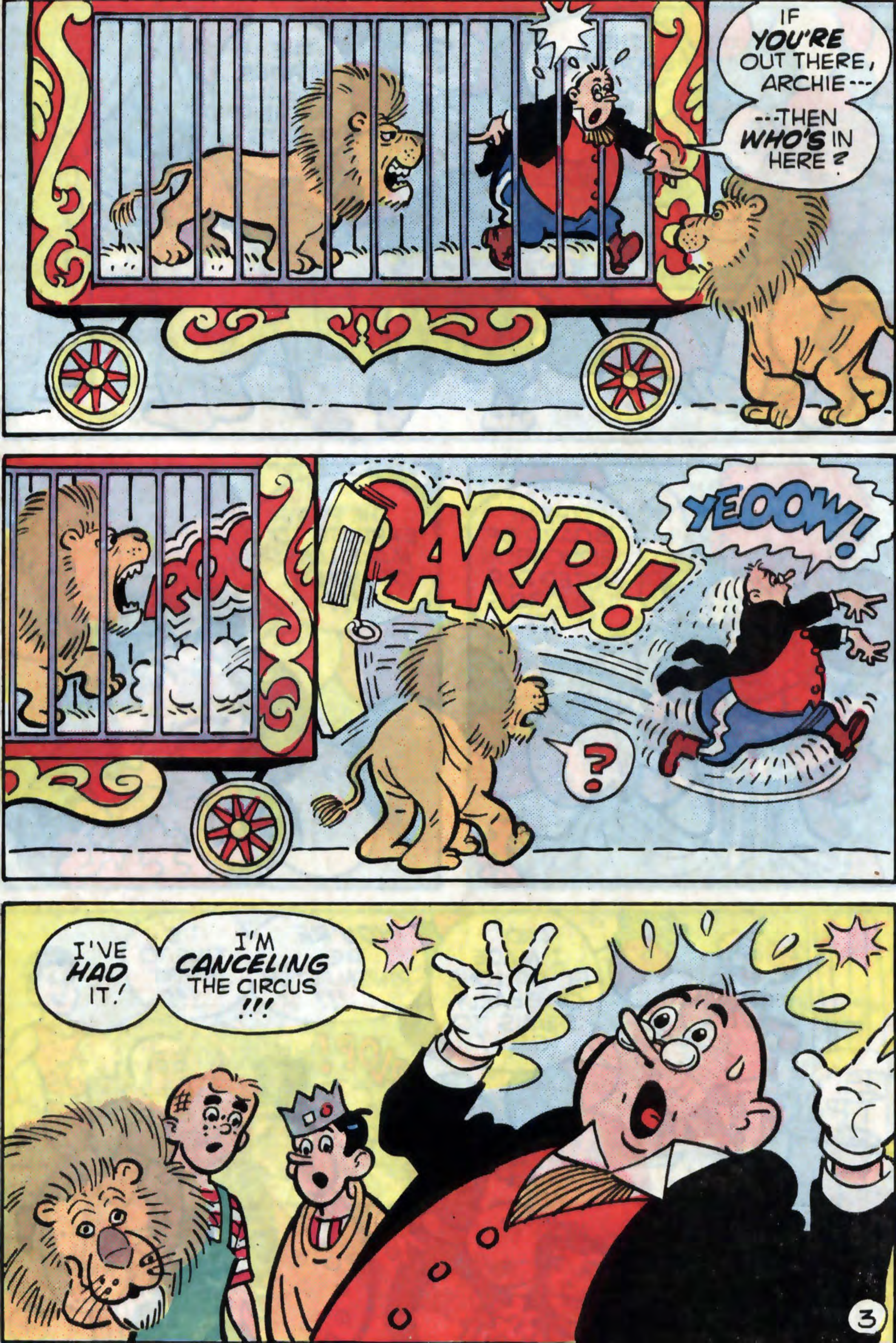


SPIRE
Archie's
CIRCUS
by Al Hartley


ARCH, I DON'T LIKE MY PART!
EVERYBODY'S PART IS IMPORTANT, JUG!
Archie's CIRCUS

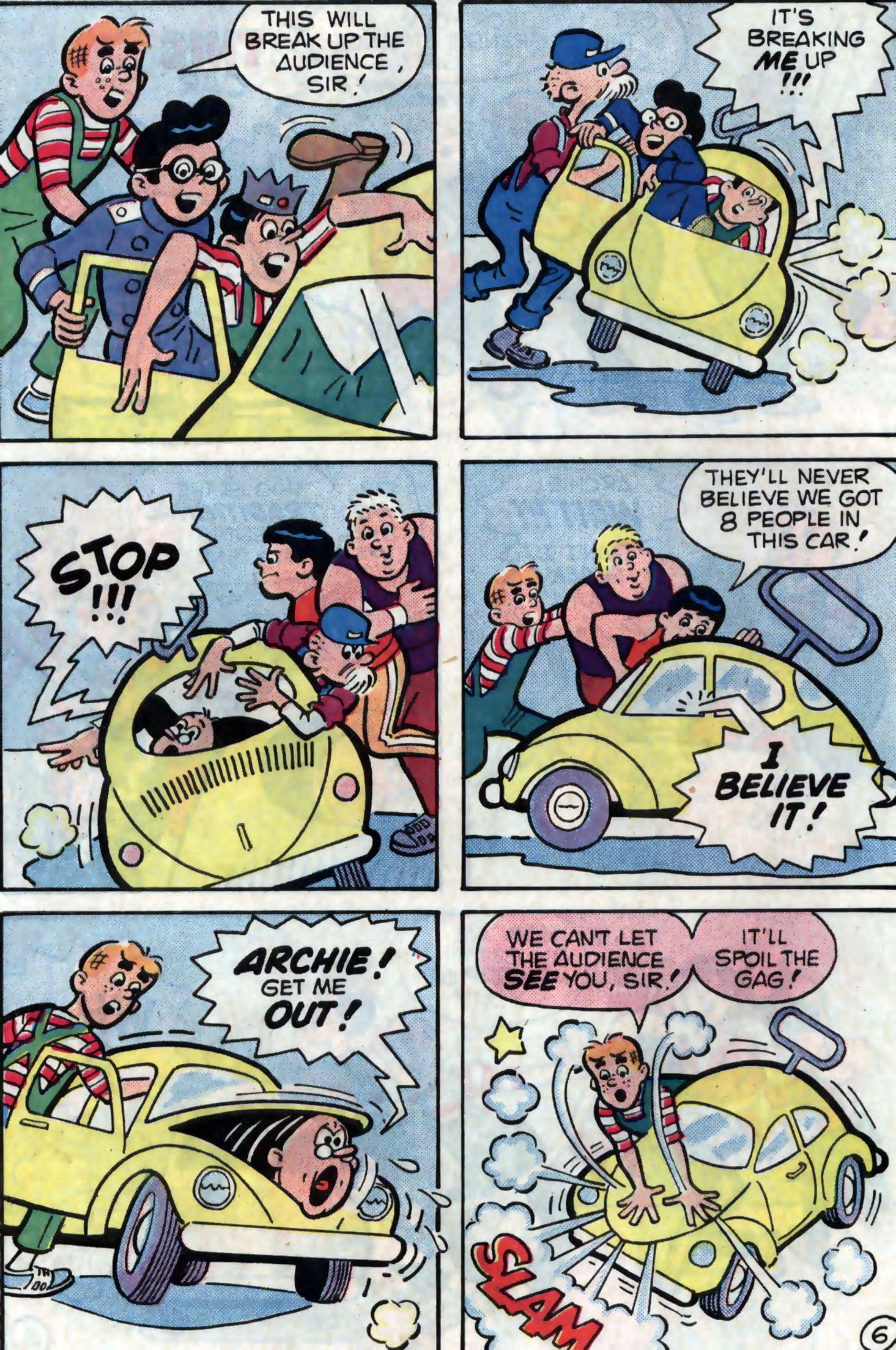

IF WE WORK TOGETHER, THE SCHOOL CIRCUS WILL BE A HUGE SUCCESS!
ARCHIE!!!


ARCHIE... I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
STOP CLOWNING, ARCHIE--- ---AND LISTEN TO ME!!!
I AM LISTENING, MR. WEATHERBEE!!!
2


IF YOU'RE OUT THERE, ARCHIE---
---THEN WHO'S IN HERE?
ROAR!
YEOOW!
?
I'VE HAD IT!
I'M CANCELING THE CIRCUS!!!
3


THE SHOW MUST GO ON, SIR!
?
THE KIDDIES ARE ALL IN THEIR SEATS!!!
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTED FOR THE CIRCUS!!!
THE PTA EXPECTS TO MAKE LOTS OF MONEY!!!
AND I MADE 50 GALLONS OF BEAZLY BEANS TO SELL!
YOU'RE THE RINGMASTER!!!
IT'S TIME TO START!!!
PLOP!
OH, ALL RIGHT!!!


GET IN THIS CAR---
---FOR YOUR GRAND ENTRANCE, SIR!
THIS CAR ???
ARCHIE, WAIT!!! CAN'T I WALK OUT?
OH, NO SIR !!!
THIS IS THE TRADITIONAL OPENING ROUTINE.!!!
NOW WE ALL GET IN ON TOP OF YOU!
WHAT ?
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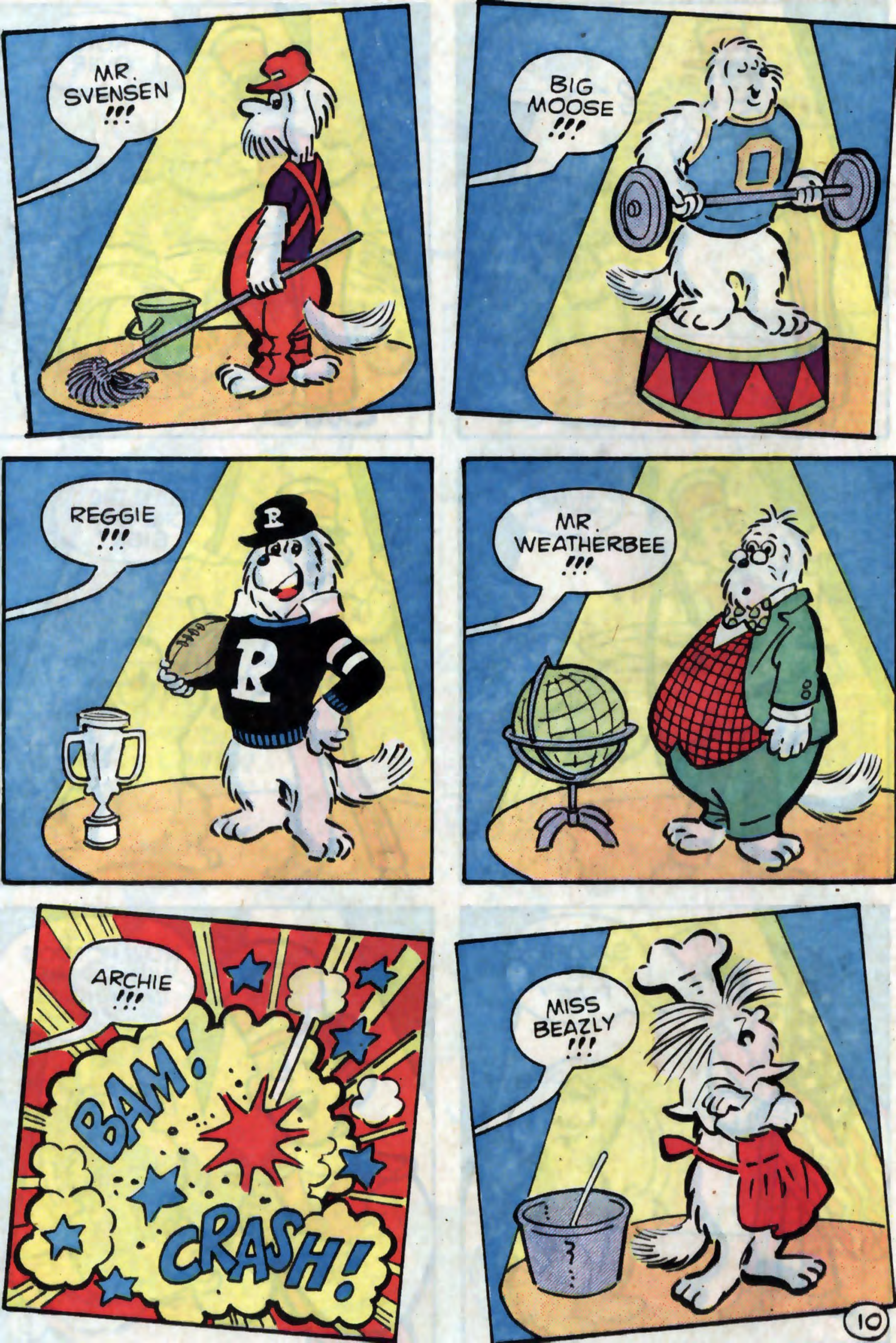

THIS WILL BREAK UP THE AUDIENCE, SIR!
IT'S BREAKING ME UP!!!
STOP!!!
THEY'LL NEVER BELIEVE WE GOT 8 PEOPLE IN THIS CAR!
I BELIEVE IT!
ARCHIE! GET ME OUT!
WE CAN'T LET THE AUDIENCE SEE YOU, SIR!
IT'LL SPOIL THE GAG!
SLAM
6



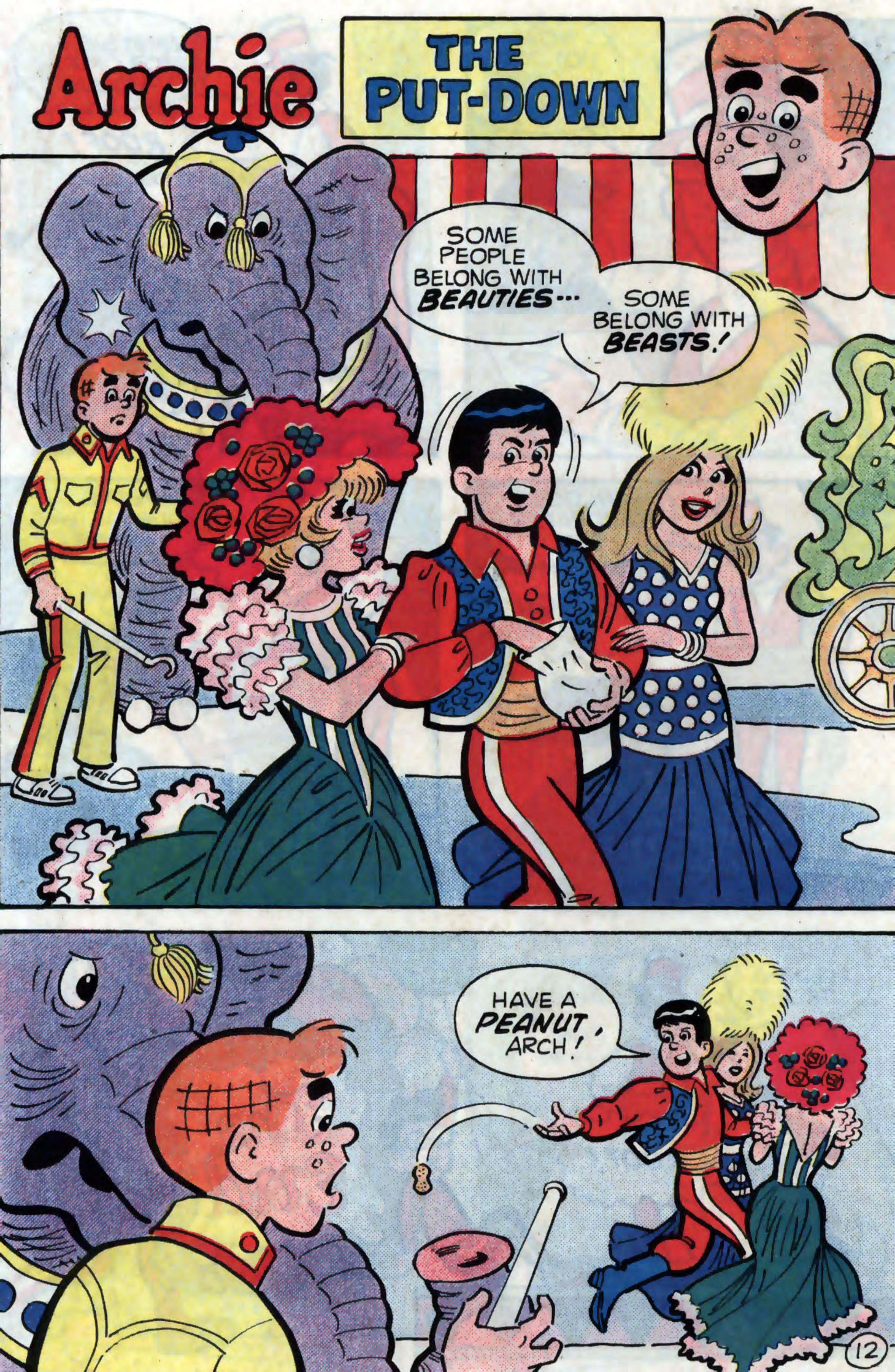
OKAY, ARCHIE !!!
YOU'RE ALL IN THE CAR !!!
THE AUDIENCE IS WAITING !!!
WELL, ARCHIE---
---WHAT'S THE DELAY ???
I FORGOT THE KEYS !!!
EVERYBODY OUT !!!

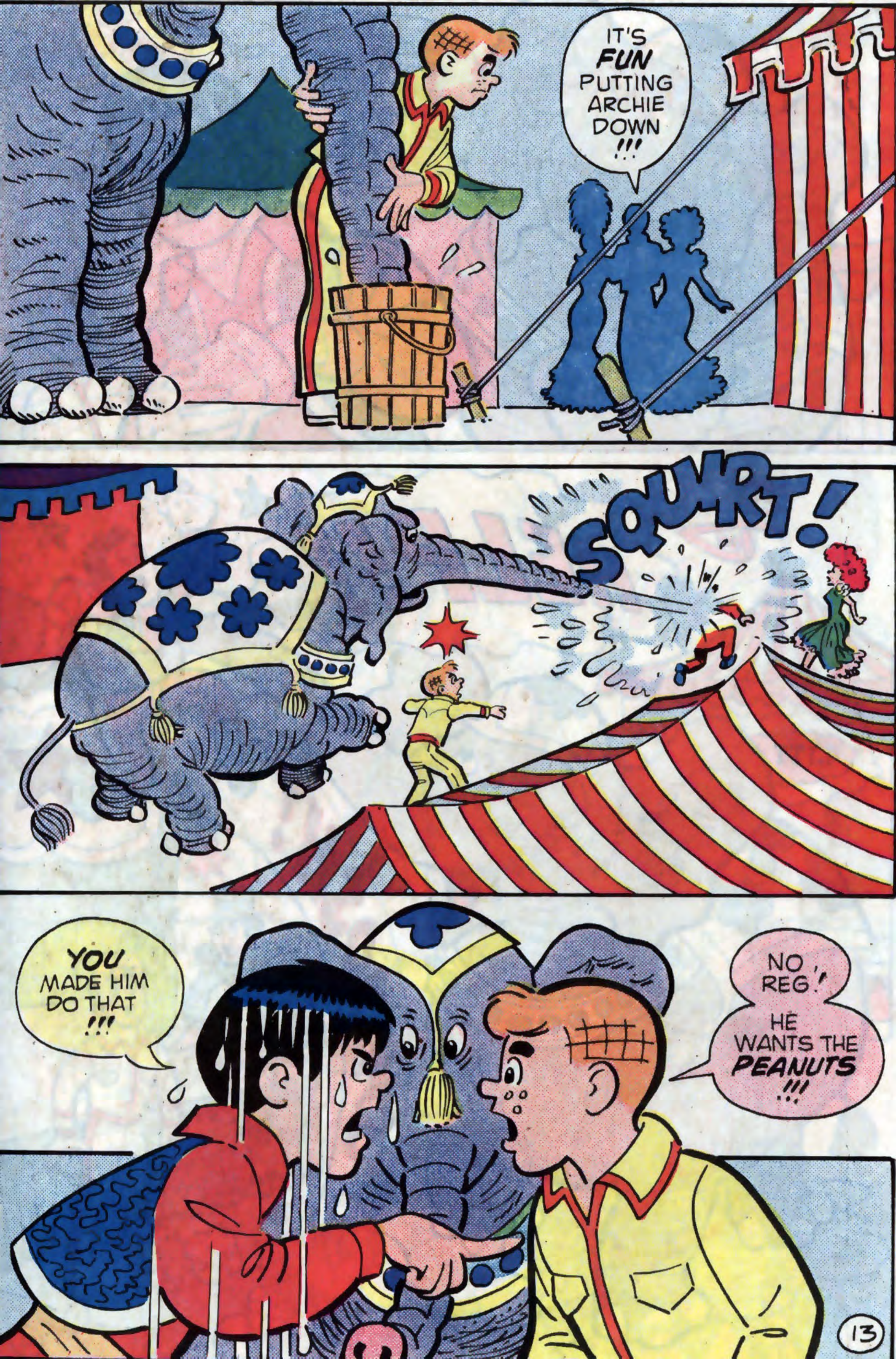

AND NOW...
...IN THE CENTER RING...
JUGHEAD AND HOT DOG!


SIT UP!
ROLL OVER!
JUMP!
GIVE THE ONE WAY SIGN!
SALUTE THE FLAG!
NOW HOT DOG WILL DO HIS IMITATIONS !!!
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MR. SVENSEN !!!
BIG MOOSE !!!
REGGIE !!!
MR. WEATHERBEE !!!
ARCHIE !!!
BAM!
CRASH!
MISS BEAZLY !!!


NOW HOT DOG WILL TAKE A QUIZ!
WHAT'S ON TOP OF A HOUSE?
ROOF!
HOW DOES SANDPAPER FEEL?
RROUGH!!!
WHAT'S YOUR SISTER'S NAME?
RUTH!!!
WHAT FEEDS A TREE?
ROOT!
The End


Archie
THE PUT-DOWN
SOME PEOPLE BELONG WITH BEAUTIES...
SOME BELONG WITH BEASTS!
HAVE A PEANUT, ARCH!

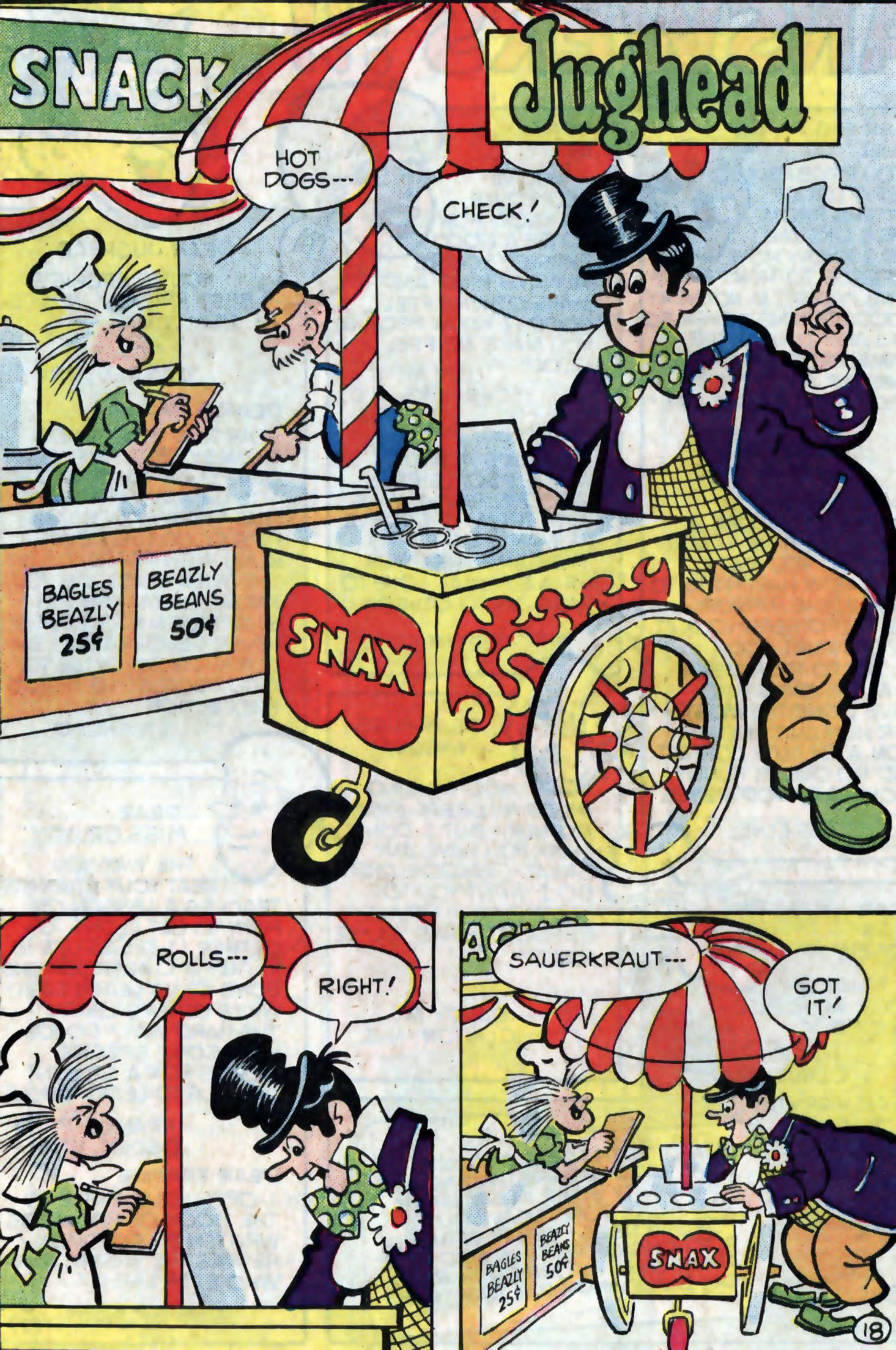

IT'S FUN PUTTING ARCHIE DOWN !!!
SQUIRT!
YOU MADE HIM DO THAT !!!
NO REG! HE WANTS THE PEANUTS !!!
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WELL, HE'S NOT GETTING *MY* PEANUTS !!!
HELP!!
SWOOSH!
LITT



PUT ME DOWN !!!
CIRCU
HELP!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR *THAT*...
PUT ME DOWN!
REGGIE IS *ASKING* FOR A *PUT DOWN!*
15



SNACK
Jughead
HOT DOGS---
CHECK!
BAGLES BEAZLY 25¢
BEAZLY BEANS 50¢
SNAX
ROLLS---
RIGHT!
SAUERKRAUT---
GOT IT!
BAGLES BEAZLY 25¢
BEAZLY BEANS 50¢
SNAX



MUSTARD---
RIGHT!
RELISH---
CHECK!!!
CKS
ERDALE
SNAX
SODA---
RIGHT!!!
ICE CREAM---
GOT IT!
OKAY! COME BACK WHEN THE CART IS EMPTY!!!
CHECK!!!

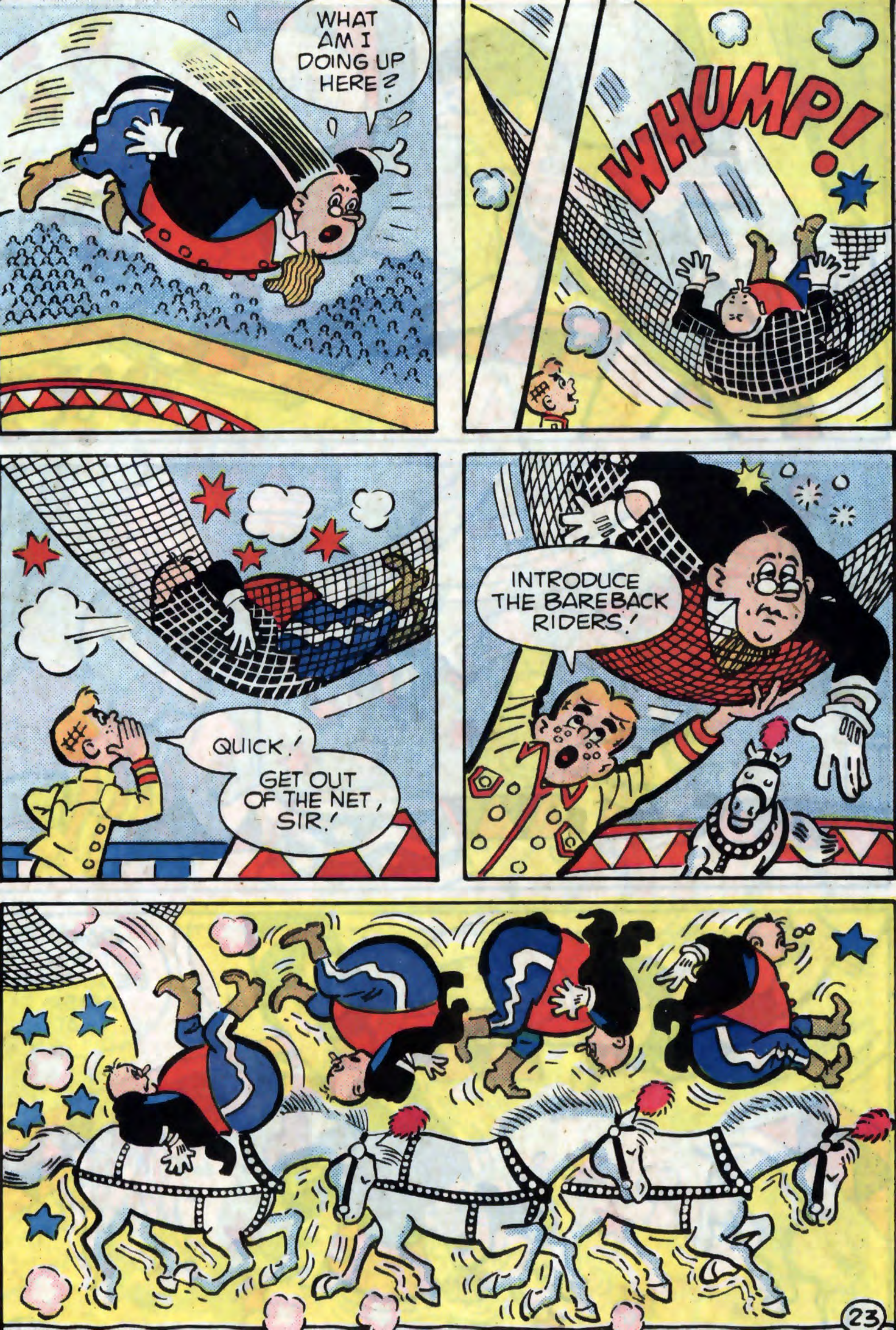


FILL IT UP AGAIN, MISS BEAZLY!
SNAX
IS THE FOOD CART EMPTY ALREADY???
RIGHT!!!
HOW DID YOU SELL EVERYTHING SO FAST???
I DIDN'T SELL IT---
--- I ATE IT!


Archie's PRAYER PAGE!
LORD, I PRAY FOR ALL MY FRIENDS WHO WROTE TO ME ABOUT THEIR PROBLEMS!
EVERYBODY READING THIS PAGE HAS A SPECIAL PRAYER IN THEIR HEART, LORD--- PLEASE ANSWER IT!
PLEASE HELP ME TO CONTROL MY APPETITE! SOMETIMES I MAKE MYSELF SICK!
LORD, JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME, I DON'T WANT TO BE CONCEITED! PLEASE HELP ME!
GOD, I THINK MAYBE YOU MADE ME LOOK LIKE THIS SO I COULD HELP OTHERS WHO ARE HURTING!
D-UH ---PLEASE HELP ME TO PRAY A NICE PRAYER--- I'M SORT OF NEW AT THIS!
LORD, PLEASE GIVE ME PATIENCE AND THE GRACE TO FORGIVE!--- ARCHIE IS STILL DRIVING ME UP THE WALL!
LORD, YOU GAVE ME A GOOD BRAIN! HELP ME TO BE SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW YOUR WILL FOR MY LIFE!
GOD, ***YOU*** ARE ***REALLY*** MY RICH FATHER! HELP ME TO BE A GOOD CHILD!
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WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ???
YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ANOTHER DRAMATIC ENTRANCE, SIR!
!!!
GET ME OUT OF HERE!!!
BOOM!

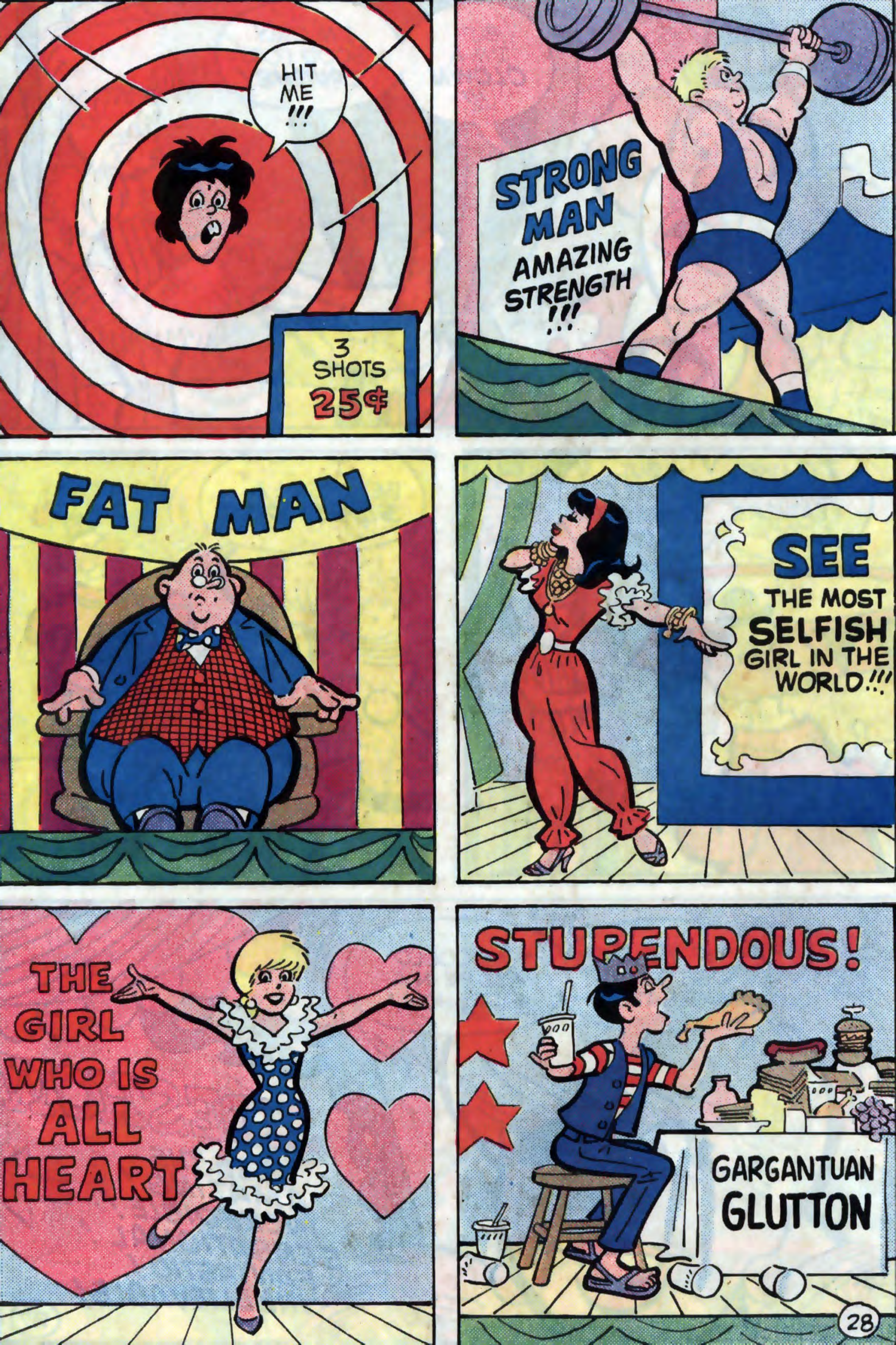

WHAT AM I DOING UP HERE?
WHUMP!
QUICK! GET OUT OF THE NET, SIR!
INTRODUCE THE BAREBACK RIDERS!
23


I'LL RESCUE MR. WEATHERBEE !!!
SWOOSH!
OUR ACT WILL BE A DRAG AFTER THAT!
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Archie
YOU LOOK GORGEOUS, VERONICA !!!
I'M WEARING THE SAME COSTUME !!!
YOU'RE FANTASTIC IN FEATHERS !!!
I'M IN FEATHERS, TOO!


ARCHIE DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE ME!
EVERYBODY NOTICES ME!
THEY LAUGH AT ME---
---AND I WANT TO CRY!
WHAT'S WORSE, BETTY ???
TO BE IGNORED...
OR TO BE MOCKED ???
THE WORST THING IS TO LET THINGS BUG YOU, BIG ETHEL !!!
THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY---
---YOU'RE REALLY PRETTY...
--- AND ARCHIE IS BLIND!
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BUT I'M A CLOWN !!!
I'M ONLY GOOD FOR LAUGHS!
I'D LIKE TO WEAR FEATHERS, TOO---
---BUT I'D BE A DISASTER !!!
I BELONG IN A SIDESHOW!
IF WE USE OUR IMAGINATION---
--- WE COULD ALL BE IN A SIDESHOW!
SIDESHOW
SEE THE AMAZING! INCREDIBLE! SENSATIONAL! FANTASTIC! UNBELIEVABLE!

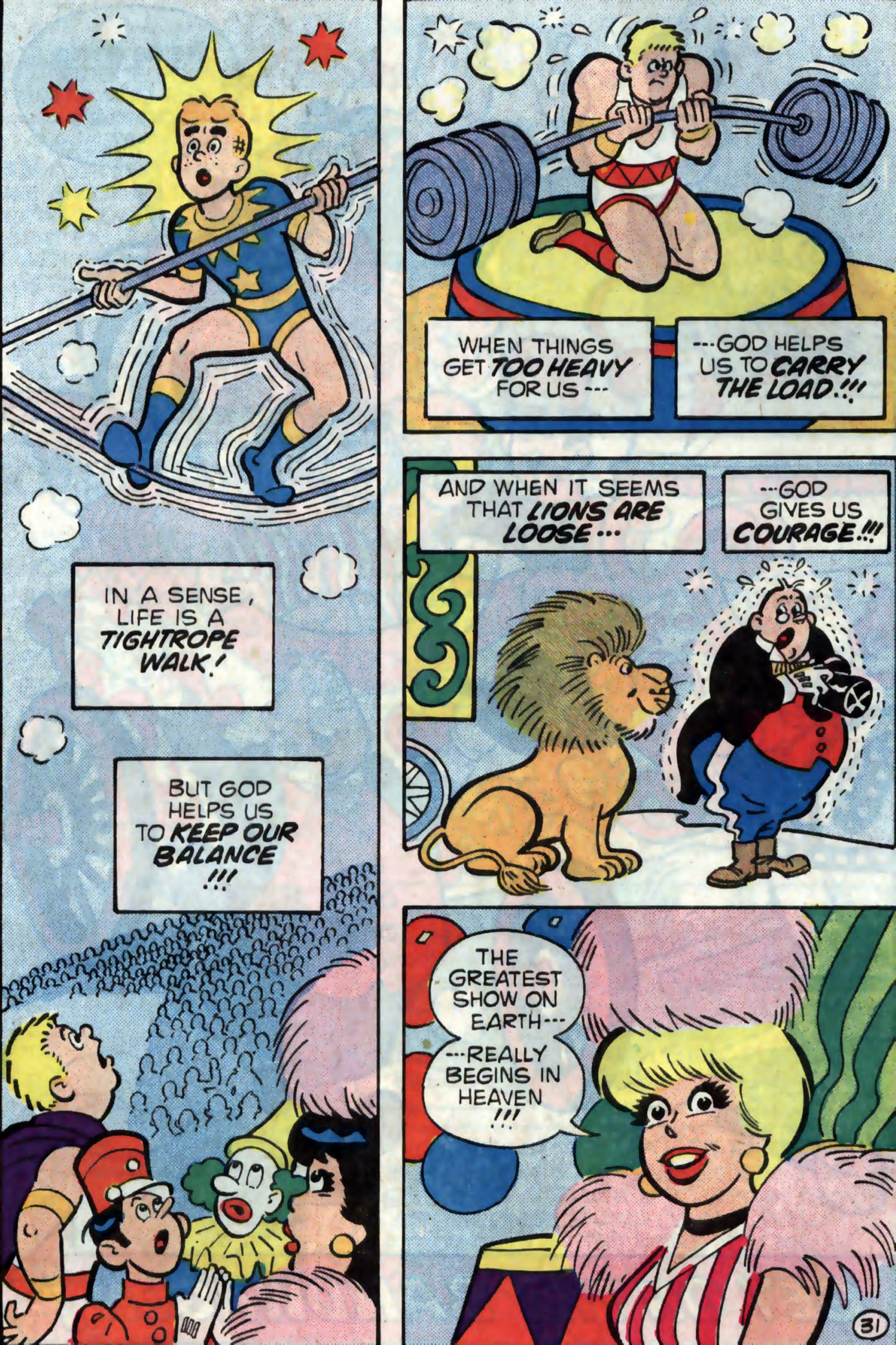

HIT ME !!!
3 SHOTS 25¢
STRONG MAN
AMAZING STRENGTH !!!
FAT MAN
SEE
THE MOST SELFISH GIRL IN THE WORLD !!!
THE GIRL WHO IS ALL HEART
STUPENDOUS!
GARGANTUAN GLUTTON
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THE CLUMSIEST MAN IN
GIGANTIC EGO!
THE GREATEST ATHLETE
SMARTER THAN A COMPUTER!!!
MENTAL WIZARD!
WORLD'S RICHEST MAN!
THE WORLD'S WORST BARBERSHOP QUARTET !!!



WELL, WE CAN HAVE FUN WITH FANTASY...
---BUT SOONER OR LATER YOU HAVE TO FACE REALITY!
SIDE-SHOW
THAT'S RIGHT, BIG ETHEL! FANTASY IS LIKE COTTON CANDY!!!
IT JUST SORT OF EVAPORATES, AND YOU'RE LEFT WITH STICKY FINGERS!
WE WASTE A LOT OF TIME ON THINGS IN LIFE THAT ARE LIKE COTTON CANDY!
LIFE IS LIKE A THREE-RING CIRCUS---
---PLENTY OF LAUGHS AND DANGER!!!
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IN A SENSE, LIFE IS A TIGHTROPE WALK!
BUT GOD HELPS US TO KEEP OUR BALANCE!!!
WHEN THINGS GET TOO HEAVY FOR US---
---GOD HELPS US TO CARRY THE LOAD!!!
AND WHEN IT SEEMS THAT LIONS ARE LOOSE...
---GOD GIVES US COURAGE!!!
THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH---
---REALLY BEGINS IN HEAVEN!!!


WE'RE GOING TO LET GOD GET OUR ACT TOGETHER !!!
Al Hartley
GET ON THE BANDWAGON!

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